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In re Application of : David Mark Whitcombe et al.  
Serial No. : 09/700,732  
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Examiner : A. Chakrabarti  
Group Art Unit : 1655  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated August 27, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-20 and 37.

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This application is on behalf of

☐ other than a small entity

☐ small entity.

The Appeal Fee of \$320.00 is

☒ enclosed

☐ not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application.

☒ Applicants hereby petition for a full three (3) month extension of the period for response set in the August 27, 2002 Official Action. Applicants previously petitioned for a two (2) month extension of the aforesaid response period in their January 27, 2003 Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. A check in the amount of \$520.00 is enclosed in payment of the petition fee for the third month's extension of time.

☒ charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the aforementioned fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1406 (a duplicate copy of this Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith).

Respectfully submitted,

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